



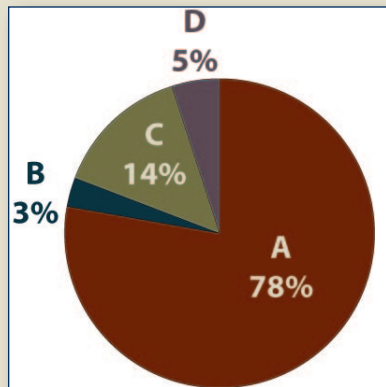
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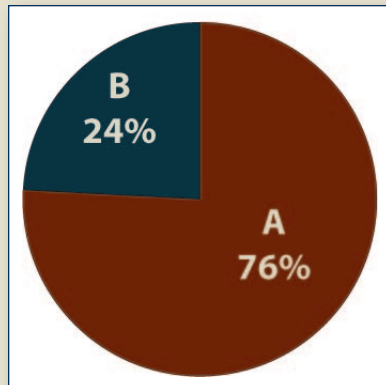
2009 SURVEY RESULTS

1. Forecasts predict lower-than-normal revenue for Indiana state government. Which of the following best describes how you feel lawmakers should balance the 2010-2011 biennial state budget? (Please mark the one response that most closely reflects your opinion.)



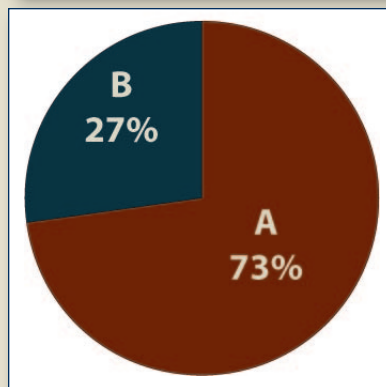
- A. Reduce government spending.
- B. Delay payments to schools, colleges and local governments.
- C. Use emergency "Rainy Day" funds.
- D. Increase taxes.

2. Many states facing fiscal crises are cutting K-college funding and programs. Would you support or oppose an Indiana state budget that protects education funding at or near current levels?



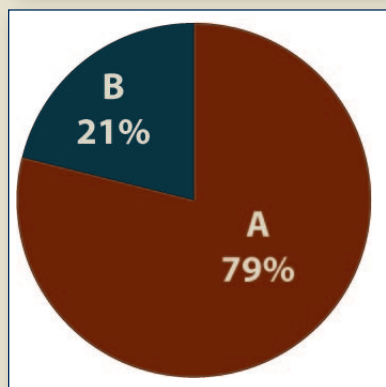
- A. Support
- B. Oppose

3. Governor Daniels recently released lower-than-expected state revenue figures to fund programs. Do you support across the board funding cuts to ensure a balanced budget?



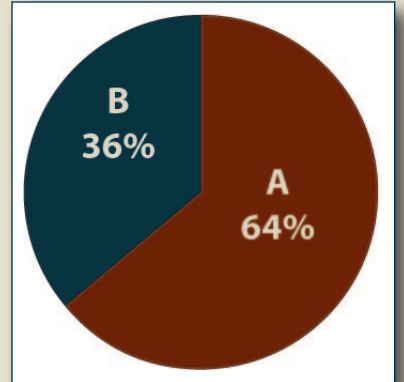
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- B. Oppose

4. This year, legislators will have the option to again vote on the constitutional amendment permanently capping property taxes on homes, farms and businesses. This follow-up vote by a separately elected Indiana General Assembly is required before voters can directly weigh in on the constitutional change.

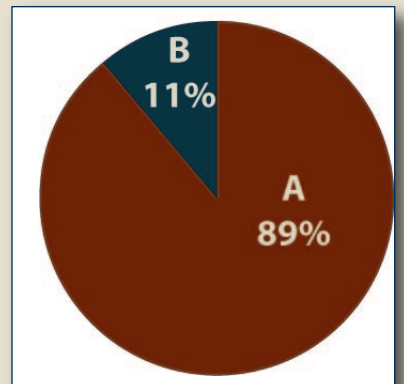


- A. An emergency exists for many regarding property taxes. Vote on the amendment as soon as possible and allow voters to decide on this constitutional protection.
- B. No emergency exists regarding property taxes. Delay the vote to see how property tax caps might impact local units of government.

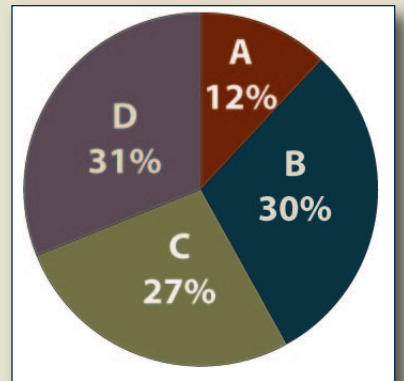
5. If the property tax caps are not made permanent, would you support or oppose a repeal of the recent state sales tax increase? A. Support
B. Oppose



6. Would you support or oppose Gov. Daniels' Kernan/Shephard recommendations combining units and duties of local government in an effort to streamline government (example: combining township offices with county offices)? A. Support
B. Oppose

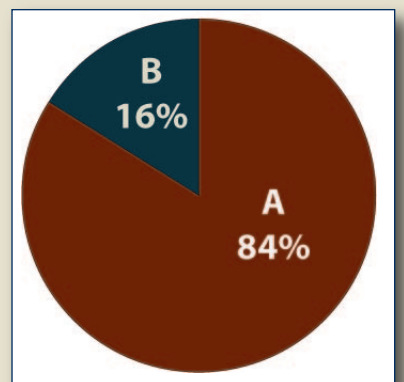


7. Indiana's unemployment fund is quickly diminishing. Which of the following best describes how you feel lawmakers should replenish the fund?



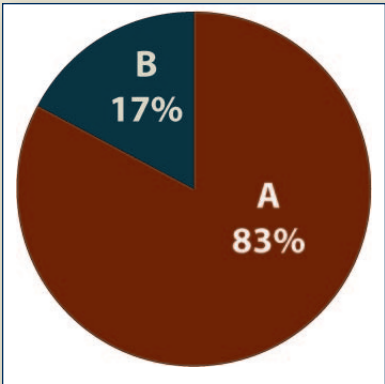
- A. Increase taxes.
- B. Lower benefits.
- C. Combination of increase taxes & lower benefits.
- D. None of the above.

8. Do you support last year's proposal to revoke a business's license after the third offense from an employer who knowingly and willingly hires illegal immigrants?

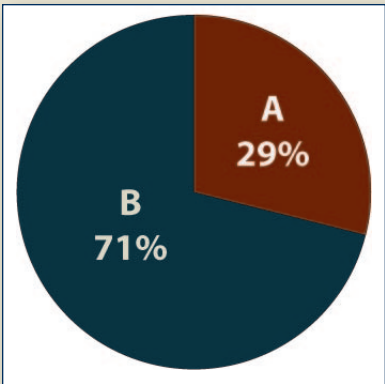


- A. Support
- B. Oppose

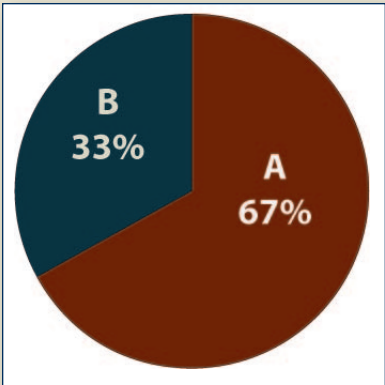
9. Do you support state and local law enforcement efforts to assist federal law enforcement with cracking down on illegal immigration in Indiana?
A. Support
B. Oppose



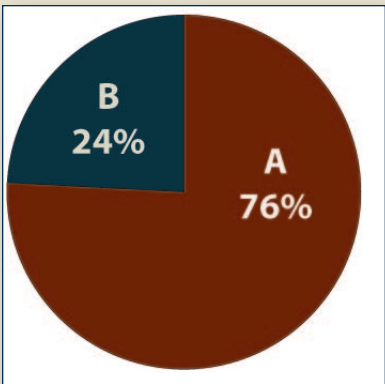
10. Indiana will soon start the process of re-districting its congressional and state legislative districts, which will shape the state's political landscape for the next decade. Do you believe the Indiana General Assembly, including legislators, should draw political districts or should it be done by an independent commission of community members?
A. General Assembly
B. Independent Commission



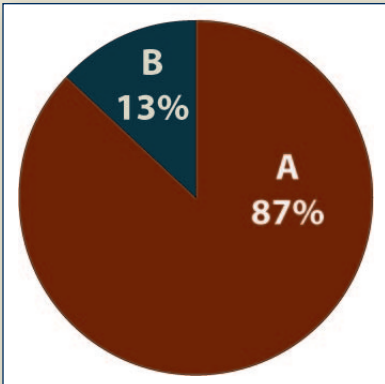
11. In Marion County only one high school graduates 90 percent or more of its students. Would you support a pilot program in Marion County aimed at focusing area schools on reaching a 90 percent graduation rate benchmark that holds principals and administrators accountable for graduation rates?
A. Support B. Oppose



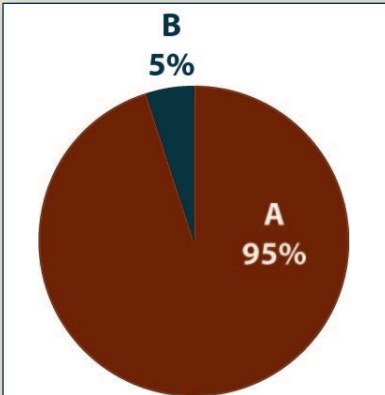
12. In order to receive the Purple Heart, combat veterans must have been wounded in action. Indiana currently pays for tuition assistance for any Purple Heart recipient after September 11, 2001. Do you support expanding state education assistance for all Purple Heart recipients?
A. Support B. Oppose



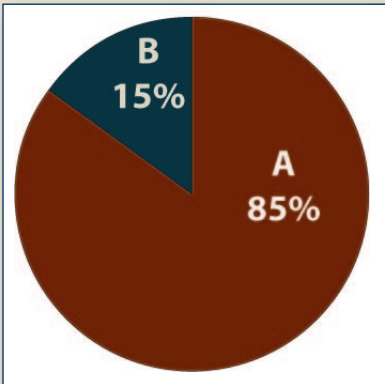
13. Senate leadership has made strides in opening up the legislative process to constituents. We have new meeting space to visit with constituents and members of the lobbying community. Do you support additional efforts to open up the legislative process?
A. Support B. Oppose



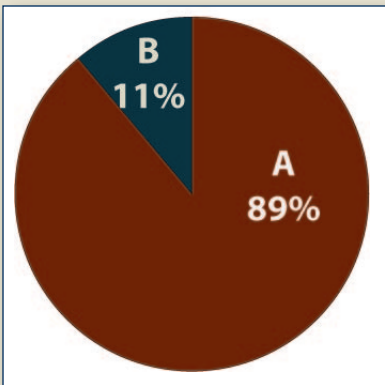
14. Indiana universities receive more than 13 percent of the total state budget. Current law exempts university lobbyists from disclosing their lobbying activity with members of the legislature. Do you support legislation requiring university lobbyists to report their lobbying activity?
A. Support B. Oppose



15. Do you support lowering the lobbyist/legislature gift reporting restriction from \$100 to \$25?
A. Support B. Oppose



16. Do you support a complete gift ban from lobbyists?
A. Support B. Oppose



17. Do you support a statutory cooling off period for all members of both the legislative and executive branches of government from lobbying government for personal financial gain?
A. Support B. Oppose

